

A Story of Love, Adventure and Weirdest Mystery

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have all ready and waiting in this house half a dozen Winchester repeaters and the same number of Brownings; and I emphasize that at all hazards in the case of the two big wolves, which I anticipate with no small certainty, it must be death.

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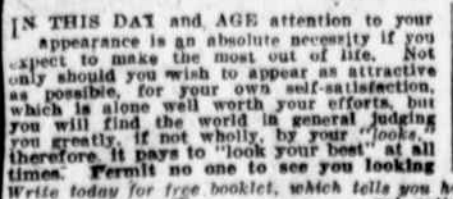
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"Unfortunately, confound it," he broke in most unofficially.

"But," I went on, "there will be Manders, Burgess and myself."

"I will take the smallest wolf," struck in Burgess with a prompt determination, which I fully appreciated. "It must be left to me."

"It shall," I said emphatically, realizing his reason; "so don't worry any more on that score. I will take the biggest myself."

"Pere Garou," interpolated Manders, with his ever cynical little touch. "And old Anna, the gaunt she-wolf, who might have been foster-mother to Romulus and Remus, thus falls to my bow and arrow?"

"Of that I am not altogether sure," I interrupted. "We must have a shooting squad at the front door and an auxiliary one to cover a possible exit at the back, though I fancy myself that the sortie will take place from the front and through the gap in the hedge. That has not been repaired yet, has it?" I asked, turning to Burgess.

"No, not yet," he answered; "but I gave orders for it to be done this afternoon."

"Well, please have them countermanded first thing to-morrow morning for a day or two, old chap," I said. "I don't want to arouse the least suspicion or chance any of my plans going awry. No, my dear Manders, with your kind consent I propose to put you in charge of the back-door squad, as I must have someone there whom I can rely upon absolutely. You can be round with us in no time once the shooting begins."

"Just as you wish," he acquiesced with that prompt self-effacement and cordiality that helps generalship so much. "I'm entirely at your disposal in the matter, though for preference I would love a shot at old Pere Garou. He has got on my nerves and makes me itch to rid the earth of his soul presence every time I think of him—pshaw!"

"And your other guns?" asked Burgess quietly.

"I would have preferred them all amateurs," I answered, "but I shall be one short. I propose to enlist Verjoyce and Wellington to-morrow, and put them under Manders' command at the back. They are a couple of real sporting white youngsters, and both excellent shots, as I have taken the trouble to find out. For the third gun at the front I am a bit at a loss."

"Hedges," said Burgess promptly. "He, like Jevons, was born and brought up on the estate, and both went through the Boer war with me in the yeomanry; and I would trust them both absolutely and without reservation. I will guarantee both of them to do anything, I do or tell them to do, and not to talk."

"Right," said I; "then Hedges let it be. That takes a weight off my mind."

"I will talk to Verjoyce and Wellington," volunteered Manders, "if you chaps like. I know them a bit better than you do now, and they have got a bit of a respect for my views and opinions," he added with a laugh; "and I'll call in Blenkinsopp to give it a proper convincing official J.R. They will come in quick enough, you may be sure, if there is any excitement going."

"Splendid," I agreed; "and Burgess shall tackle Hedges, and I think that Jevons should be told as well, as we are pretty sure to want his help, if only to cover up our tracks. I will get out a plan and work out all details; and on Sunday evening we will have a consultation. Further, without wishing in any way to be melodramatic, I would suggest an oath of secrecy,

"The moon is so bright, streaming right across my bed. It makes me so restless, and I am quite growing to hate the moon. It seems to have such a strange influence over me."

which will at least impress the youngsters and the men of the great seriousness of the undertaking."

"Yes, I am quite with you there," said Blenkinsopp. "It is quite as well and can do no possible harm."

So it was agreed.

"And now to bed," I said. "We all need our rest; and we shall want our nerves in the best possible order on Tuesday night. Our plans are now well forward, thank God."

And thus we broke up; and before turning into bed I took one long last look at the cold face of the moon out of my window, wondering what she at her hour of fullness was destined to bring forth.

CHAPTER XXXI.

THE next day, Saturday, the twenty-seventh, was beautifully bright and sunny, a glorious morning; and I spent the early part of it in the garden with Ann until she had to go to read to Bullington, as I found she often did.

"The nurses tell me that he quite looks forward to it," she said naively as we finished a grand review of the tulips, which were all coming up in fine formation against the impending arrival of May.

"I've no doubt, my dear," said I, "a trifle cynically. 'I would stay in bed every morning myself if only I could guarantee nice girls to come up and read to me; but I suppose that I'm not pale or interesting or good looking enough to attract them.'"

"Linc, you're a perfect beast," exclaimed Ann, blushing hotly; "and here have I been wasting half my valuable morning taking you round the garden and being polite to you."

"Nothing more than common decency demands, and your duty as a hostess, my dear Ann; and you know that both Burgess and I have spared no effort in the past to in-

still nice manners into you from the days when you were a shocking little hoyden."

Ann made a face at me.

"There, that shows how unsuccessful you have been. Never again will I waste a single moment upon such an unappreciative and unattractive person. Mr. Good!"

And with a sarcastic courtesy she turned on her heel and ran down the terrace and in at the hall door, singing a merry little snatch that belied her simulated disdain.

I followed more slowly, refilling my pipe, and entered by the library window.

There I found Manders and Burgess talking.

"Do you know," said the former, obviously interested, "that Clympha here has just been taking the wind out of my cosmopolitan sails, after all, by telling me that what we had forgotten in our town surroundings and wider spheres is still extant among the country folk in their lore and firmly believed in by them nowadays?"

"Not exactly werewolves," he added, "but hell-hounds, which are at least first cousins and much the same thing for all practical purposes. In fact, you remember when Llewellyn stays poor old faithful Geleir, he cries 'Hell-hound, by thee my child devoured,' when the old dog has been actually killing the hell-hound or werewolf—a great wolf all torn and dead—tremendous still in death."

"Yes," broke in Burgess, "for once I did not sleep much last night, a strange thing for me, turning the whole thing over and over again in my mind and viewing it from every angle; and it came back to me irresistibly that, even in these days in England, the old rustic population in many places still believe in the hell-hounds, and there are cases even recently of their hearing them, like a pack in full cry—perhaps not so much in Sussex, which is, alas! fast becoming suburbanized by the spreading of London, its handiness

to town, motorcars and the whole trend of things—but in parts more remote and further west, for instance."

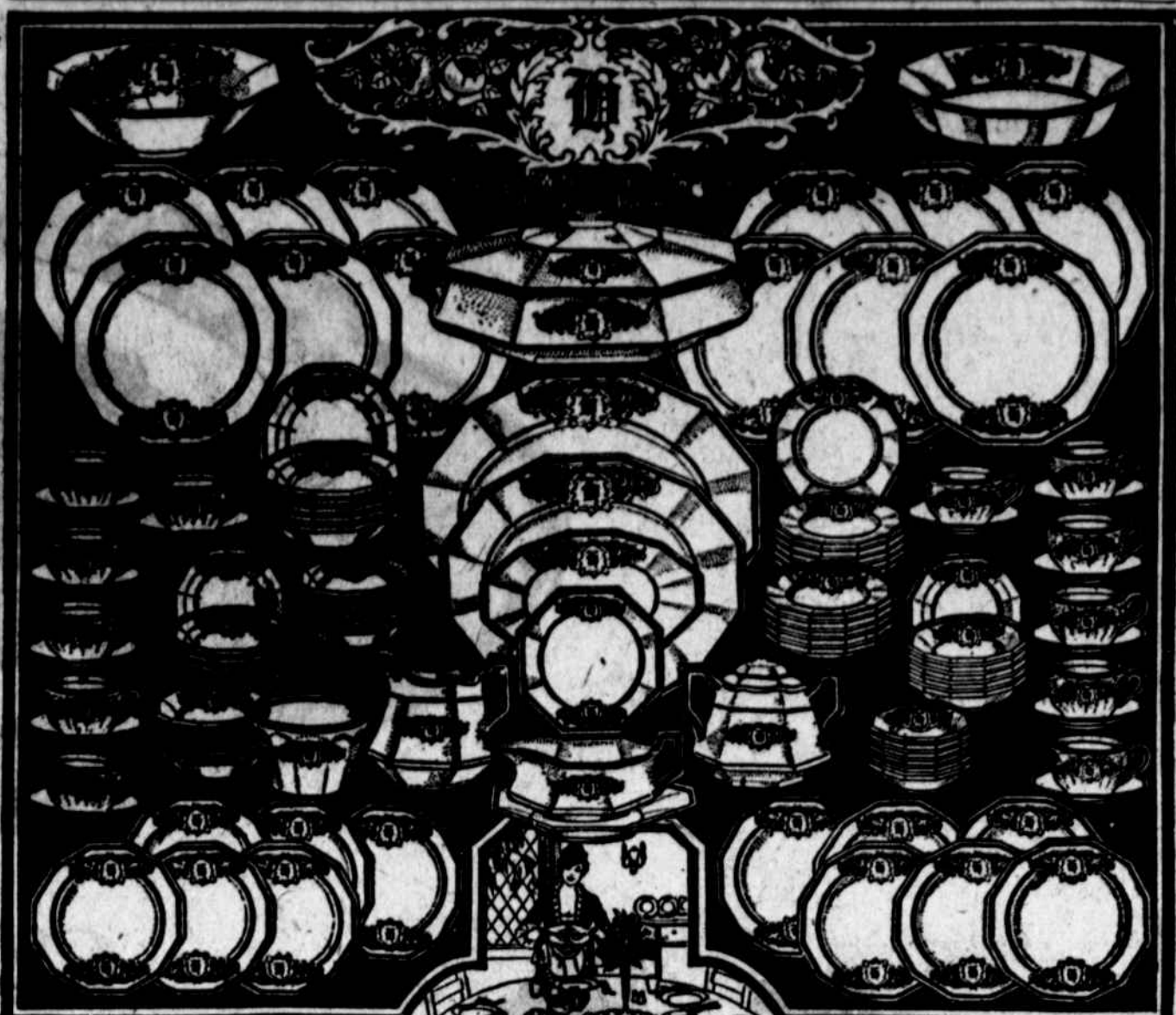
"Modern board school education, with its intensely prosaic outlook, has had a devastating effect upon folk-lore and rustic tradition; yet, despite it, the old yoke is re-

member, even if they do not talk too openly to mere strangers about such things for fear of ridicule, secretive 'with two soul-sides, one to face the world with' and the other that harbors the traditions of their forefathers."

"Hell-hounds are to-day believed in in many secluded cottage homes,

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